assisted ICDS-III Project is being implemented in the States of Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The tentative allocation for the Centrally sponsored ICDS Scheme is Rs. 65.77 crores which includes Rs. 5 crores for the World Bank Assisted ICDS Training Programme.

Board of Professionals and Consulting Engineers

3893. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Board of Professional and Consulting Engineers;

(b) if so, what are its main objectives; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider its establishment to ensure greater efficiency among practising engineering community and monitor their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The areas covered in engineering profession are very vast warranting wider consultation with various agencies and segments of the society to arrive at a consensus before taking any final decision on regulating the profession.

Recognition to Engineering Colleges in A.P.

3894. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether AICTE issued viability certificates to 22 engineering colleges only, out of 45, for which the A.P. Government had issued NOCs;

(b) if so, the criteria followed by AICTE while rejecting recommendations of the State Government; and